

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

January 27, 2009

On my motion, unanimously approved by this Board, County Counsel was directed to report back on a number of issues regarding sex offenders, including a review of the ordinance adopted by the City of Long Beach and recommendations and options for our County to adopt a similar ordinance.

Upon receiving a proposed ordinance from County Counsel, this Board authorized County Counsel, the Chief Executive Office and Regional Planning to conduct a mapping study, which was recommended by County Counsel, as a prerequisite to adopting the proposed ordinance to ensure that it would withstand a legal challenge.

The results of that mapping study were provided to the Board by the Chief Executive Office which indicated that the adoption of the ordinance would still afford ample residential areas in the County's unincorporated areas for sex offenders, thus eliminating any concern that the ordinance could be legally challenged for having the practical effect of banishing sex offenders from residing in that jurisdiction.

As a final precaution, County Counsel provided follow-up memoranda regarding several recent legal developments involving residential restrictions on sex offenders and revised the proposed ordinance accordingly.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached proposed ordinance amending Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare of the Los Angeles County Code, to add Chapter 13.59, to impose residency and loitering restrictions on registered sex offenders in the unincorporated areas of the County; and
2. Direct County Counsel to report any significant legal developments impacting this ordinance in the future, including recommendations to update/amend this ordinance, if necessary.

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